Rama Varmha Tampuran.—These questions have already been answered.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What was the condition of the children when he visited on that day?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He found them quite healthy.

Mr. P. S. Kesavan Nambudiri.—With reference to (5) does it mean that these children are all dead or that he has not gone there afterwards?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I do not know how the Member could ever have drawn such an interpretation. It is certainly beyond my imagination.

Snpply of fresh water to Mattancheri.

76. Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—With reference to the answer to question No. 342 (d) on 8th August 1933 have the Government arrived at a final decision on the question of increasing the supply of fresh water to the Mattancheri Municipal area?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The capacity of the reservior at Mattancheri and of the floating equipments is being augmented.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—What is the capacity of the reservoir?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The capacity of the reservoir is 50,000 gallons.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Without laying new pipe lines will it be possible to supply the whole of Mattancheri with good water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Even without the pipe lines we are already supplying water.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is the Government aware that only a very limited area of Mattancheri is supplied with good water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I do not put it that way. I do not think it is very limited. It requires some extension and we hope to do that next year.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is the present reservior enough to supply the whole of the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—With the present system of supplying water with barges this reservoir will be sufficient.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—May I know the capacity of the reservoir?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is 50,000 gallons.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is the Government of

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opinion that the bargesystem is enough to supply the whole of the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The barge system will not be satisfactory if we are to supply the whole of the town.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—If so, has the Government got any desire to supply good water to Mattancheri satisfactorily through any other means?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Certainly.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—If the barge system is not satisfactory will itbe replaced by any better system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know what is that system?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—That is to lay out a pipe line from Ernakulam to Mattancheri across the back-water.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Will it be put in the nearest future?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—May I know why it was not done before and why is it proposed to continue the water tax before the cent per cent of people is supplied with water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—It is one of engineering difficulty. The pipe lines have to be taken across the backwater. There was a proposal to construct a bridge across the backwater leading to the harbour and we wanted to wait till then.

Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.—Is the Government aware that water supplied to Mattancheri while it is not sufficient is being taken away by people of British Cochin?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Government have not sanctioned the taking of water from Mattancheri by the people of British Cochin. I do not know whether any piracy exists there.

Ernakulam High School buildings—Expenditure on.

77. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased tostate:—

(a) the amount of money spent on the buildings formerly used for housing the Sirkar High School at Ernakulam;

(b) the amount of money spent on the buildings now used for housing the said High School?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Rs. 85,975—10—2.

(b) The expenditure incurred on the buildings till the end of Mithunam 1109 is Rs. 96,910—5—5 including acquisition charges.

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